Construction of Tura and Ururoi airports in Meghalaya

1085. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which construction of Tura Airport in Meghalaya would be completed;

(b) what is the estimated expenditure for the construction of the said Airport;

(c) whether Government have decided to upgrade Ururoi (Shillong) airport in Meghalaya; and

(d) if so, when actual construction will start?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The Tura airport in Meghalaya is being constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.21 crores and is expected to be completed by November, 1997.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Economic offences

1086. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of major economic offences committed after the implementation of structural reforms;

(b) factors responsible for these economic crimes; and

(c) details of steps taken to avert such crimes in future?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) There is no link between the commitment of economic offences and structural reforms.

Separate agencies like Directorate of Enforcement, Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence etc. keep a strict vigil and take appropriate action as and when any offence is detected.

न्याय-निर्णयन हेतु लम्बित मामलों की प्रतिशतता कम होना

1087. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री 23 जुलाई, 1996 और 16 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में क्रमशः तारांकित प्रश्न 183 और अतारांकित प्रश्न 334 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों के परिणामस्वरूप पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उच्च न्यायालयों तथा उच्चतम न्यायालय में न्याय-निर्णयन हेतु लंबित मामलों में प्रति वर्ष कितने प्रतिशत कमी हुई है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी० खलप): नीचे दिए गए ब्यौरों के अनुसार, उच्च न्यायालयों में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान लम्बित मामलों में वृद्धि हुई है जबकि, उच्चतम न्यायालय के संबंध में इसमें कमी हुई है:

दिसम्बर में समाप्त होने वाला वर्ष	पूर्ववर्ती वर्ष में वृद्धि/कमी की प्रतिशतता	
	उच्च न्यायालय	उच्चतम न्यायालय
1993	(+)9.2 प्रतिशत	(-)39.7 प्रतिशत
1994	(+)8.5 प्रतिशत	(-)9.9 प्रतिशत
1995	(+)2.0 प्रतिशत*	(-)29.8 प्रतिशत*

*अनंतिम आंकड़े

State Capitals connected with National Capital by air

1088. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Capitals

have been connected with National Capital by air;

(b) the names of the State Capitals which have not yet been connected; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to connect them by air?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The following State Capitals have not yet been airlinked with Delhi;

(i) Kohima

(ii) Itanagar

(iii) Shillong

(iv) Gangtok

(c) Kohima, Gangtok and Itanagar do not have operational airfields. Shillong airport is not fit for operation by aircraft type available in the fleet of Indian Airlines. However, private operators are being encouraged to add more stations in their network including Shillong.

International airports at Cochin and Bangalore

1089. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to develop international airports at Cochin and Bangalore by private enterprise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the various modes Government have adopted to privatise airports; details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the growing and popular mode of privatisation is through the Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) agreement between Government and the private operator; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) The Government has given its 'No Objection' to Karnataka and Kerala Governments to construct airports at Devanahalli near Bangalore and Nedumbassery near Cochin respectively with private participation on Build Own Operate (BOO) basis.

(d) and (e) There is no preferred mode of private participation. Each case has to be viewed separately. BOT is one of the methods adopted for attracting private investment.

Leasing of Satellite time to private channels

1090. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to lease satellite time to private channels;

(b) if so, how much satellite time is proposed to be so leased;

(c) the terms of leasing; and

(d) the names of private channels to whom such time has been so leased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Unskilled Doctors treating cataract cases

1091. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Times of India of 11th October, 1996 under the caption "Cataract patients are falling victims to unskilled doctors" wherein it has been stated that several